



As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My resi	dence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.
plural r	e I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Acid Ladders, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the
followi	ng box is checked:
Ø	was filed on March 26, 1998; as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 09/048,242; and was amended on (if applicable).
I hereb	y state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, and the design of the state of the specification including the claims, and the state of the sta
I ackno	owledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.
invent	by claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or or's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application, which designated at least one country other than the States listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s	s)		Priority	Claimed
		C Of all Wass Filed)	□ Yes	□ No
(Application No.)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)		
(Application No.)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	□ Yes	□ No
	under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United S	tates provisional application(s) listed	below.	
60/040,914 (Application No.)	March 27, 1997 (Filing Date)			
(Application No.)	(Filing Date)	<u>. </u>		_
60/040,914 (Application No.)	March 27, 1997 (Filing Date) (Filing Date)			r

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or under § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 that became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

(Application No.) abandoned)	(Filing Date)	(Status - patented, pending,
(Application No.) abandoned)	(Filing Date)	(Status - patented, pending,

Appl. No. 09/048,242 Docket No. 0942.4340001/RWE/BJD

Send Correspondence to:

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C. 1100 New York Avenue, N.W. Suite 600 Washington, D.C. 20005-3934

Direct Telephone Calls to:

(202) 371-2600

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of sole or first inventor	A-Li W. HU	
Inventor's signature	alo Was Hu	Date
Residence	Kensington, Maryland	Mary 8, 199
Citizenship	USA	
Post Office Address	4315 Clearbrook Lane Kensington, MD 20895	
Full name of second inventor	James L. HARTLEY	
Second Inventor's signature	Jones L. Hunter	May 8, 1998 Date
Residence	Frederick, Maryland	19104 0, 1770
Citizenship	USA	
Post Office Address	7409 Hillside Drive Frederick, MD 21702	
Full name of third inventor	Heather J. JORDAN	
Third inventor's signature	Heather Jorden)	5/8/98 Date
Residence	Gaithersburg, Maryland	70/10
Citizenship	USA	
ost Office Address	16104 Howard Farm Lane Gaithersburg, MD 20878	